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## News you can use

### Robins school board meets Tuesday

Robins Air Force Base school board will meet at 11 a.m., Tuesday at Robins Elementary School, Bldg. 988. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

### CSS in-house training session Wednesday

The 78th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight will host its monthly CSS in-house training session at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Building 905, Room 240 (MPF training room). The training topics will be initial duty information updates, enlisted promotion program and sponsorship program. If you have any questions concerning this training, contact Senior Master Sgt. Mike Hall at 327-7337.

### Macon Trax Military Appreciation Night Feb. 4

The Macon Trax Hockey Team will host Military Appreciation Night Feb. 4 at 7:05 p.m. against the Asheville Aces in the Macon Colesium. Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Wing commander, will participate in the opening ceremonies along with the Robins Honor Guard. An Air Force Reserve Command vocalist will perform the national anthem, and a humvee will drive Colonel Patterson out on the ice. Base attendees will be asked to participate in special intermission games like sumo wrestling and being a human bowling ball.

The Trax will allow free admission for military with a valid military ID. Dependents and DoD civilians will get \$1 off general admission seats and \$2 off reserved seat admission with a valid ID.

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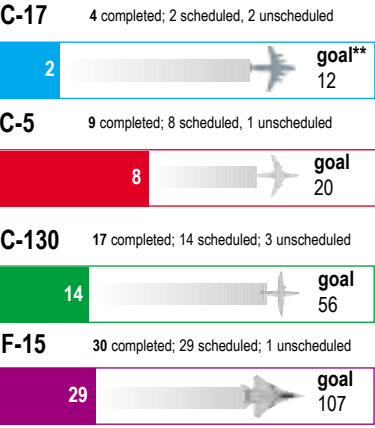
### Gates 1, 5 hours change Feb. 7, close at 6 p.m.

Beginning Feb. 7, the Green Street and 5th Street gates will close 30 minutes earlier due to loss of manpower from the recent deactivation of Army National Guard personnel. Presently the gates close at 6:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Recent traffic studies show that other gates can easily support the additional traffic.

— All from staff reports

### Aircraft Maintenance Output

The information below reflects Robins' progress toward maintenance goals for fiscal 2005 as of Jan. 21.



\*\*Goal is for scheduled maintenance on-time delivery only; unscheduled aircraft don't count toward fiscal year goals.

Source: Doug Clark Jr., depot maintenance workload analyst, WR-ALC/MAWVB

U.S. Air Force graphic by Angela Trunzo

### Robins 3-day forecast

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

**Today**  
Partly to mostly cloudy



50/32

**Saturday**  
Cloudy with chance of rain, possible snow



37/29

**Sunday**  
Cloudy with chance of rain



58/35

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# Visitor's center project goes green

## Environment-friendly construction methods make Robins eligible for LEED certification

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### What is LEED?

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design is a program sponsored by the U.S. Green Building Council to help U.S. Air Force installations build more environmentally-friendly structures, saving money and valuable resources by using recycled construction materials and energy efficient water and heating and air systems in buildings.

Robins is the first military installation in Georgia to have a construction project registered for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, certification.

LEED is a program sponsored by the U.S. Green Building Council to give U.S. Air Force installations a self-assessment tool for measuring how construction projects stack up environmentally, and Robins' main gate project is within a few months of gaining entry-level certification.

To be LEED certified, the new visitor's center construction — one part of the \$4.9

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Linda Larson and Chip Bridges discuss the landscape timbers used at the new visitor's center construction site. The timbers are made out of recycled tires.

## Hello baby



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Staff Sgt. Christopher Nelson holds his 3-month-old daughter Alyssa. She was born while he was deployed to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, with members of 78th Civil Engineer Group. Thirty-eight members returned to Robins Jan. 21 after a four and one-half month deployment. **For a complete story on the group's homecoming, turn to page 1B.**

## Three 16th ACCS Airmen attended same high school, now work side by side

By Airman Paul Ross  
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372,153. It's not the dollar amount of a Joint Stars aircraft or number of Air Force bases in the world. It's the number of people who made up the active duty Air Force in 2004. Many Airmen know someone from their hometown

who helps make up that statistic, but most don't expect to be working beside someone with a diploma from the same high school.

That's precisely what three officers from the 16th Airborne Command Control Squadron believed — until they got to Robins.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Paul Ross

From left, Maj. Eddie Boxx, 1st Lt. Jason Scott and 2nd Lt. T.J. Britt walk off the flight line Jan. 21. The Airmen all attended the same high school in Florida and are now working side by side.

# Community plans events to celebrate black history

By 1st Lt. Lance Patterson  
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The base and local communities are celebrating Black History Month by observing the 100th anniversary of the Niagara Movement.

The Niagara Movement is this year's Department of Defense-directed theme.

The civil rights movement started in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1905 and attempted to obtain equal rights for blacks. The Niagara Movement was a precursor to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"The actual black heritage observance is the entire month of February, Black History Month," said 2nd Lt. LeShean Lawson, Black Heritage Observance Committee chairperson

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## 19th ARG wins 6th Outstanding Unit Award

By Lanorris Askew  
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The Black Knights have added yet another feather to their cap with the win of their sixth consecutive Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The news of the latest win came in mid-December, and the award was presented Dec. 30, by Lt. Gen. William Welser III, 18th Air Force commander, at the 19th Air Refueling Group's change of command ceremony from Col. Raymond Rottman to Col. Steven Bernard.

"Being selected for the Air Force

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# Air Force Reserve Command vice commander retires



**AFRC Vice Commander Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr.** retired from more than 37 years of military service.

Air Force Reserve Command news service

Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, retired after nearly 39 years of military service in a ceremony today at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, Ga. Retired Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, former Air Force Reserve chief and AFRC commander, officiated the ceremony. General Batbie’s retirement will take effect March 15. Maj. Gen. David Tanzi, AFRC’s 10th Air Force commander, will assume responsibility for the daily operations of the command during a commander’s conference today

following the retirement ceremony. “Needless to say, the operations tempo for this command was near its peak when I returned to AFRC’s headquarters as the vice commander in November of 2001,” said General Batbie. “The credit for AFRC’s continued success goes to the more than 76,000 reservists and 4,000 civilians I had the privilege to work with.” As the vice commander, General Batbie oversaw the day-to-day operations for the Air Force Reserve Command and its headquarters here. AFRC has about 76,100 reservists who train and deploy regularly. The command is composed of three numbered Air Forces divided into 36 wings, three

flying groups, one space group, four space operations squadrons and 620 mission support units. He reported to Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, Air Force Reserve chief and AFRC commander, who serves on the Air Staff at the Pentagon. General Batbie began his military career in 1966 as a U.S. Army armor officer and helicopter pilot. He joined the Air Force Reserve in 1972 as a helicopter pilot and became a fixed wing pilot in 1979 after graduating from the Air Force Fixed Wing Qualification Course at Sheppard AFB, Texas. As a command pilot, he accumulated more than 5,000 flight hours in the A-10, A-37, KC-10, KC-135, AH-1G, HH-34J and CH-3E.

During his career, he had numerous supervisory and command positions, including director of operations; squadron, group, wing and numbered Air Force commander; and director of Mobilization and Reserve Component Affairs for U.S. European Command. Prior to General Bradley’s nomination, General Batbie served as the interim AFRC commander after General Sherrard’s retirement in May 2004. In 1983, the general was the first Air Force Reserve officer to be assigned to Europe as a Reserve statutory tour officer. He coordinated Reserve affairs in both the plans and operations directorates and served as negotiator for the estab-

lishment of collocated operating bases in Greece and Turkey. He spent more than seven years at Robins AFB. From June 1994 to September 1998, he was director of plans and programs. While in that position, General Batbie was promoted to major general July 1, 1997. After his tour at U.S. European Command, he returned here as the vice commander for AFRC in November 2001. General Batbie is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University, Rustin, La., where he earned his master of arts degree in business administration. He also earned his bachelor of arts degree in the same program at Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz.

## GREEN

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million main gate project slated for completion by mid-August – must earn 26 to 32 points out of a possible 69 points in five categories, including water conservation and efficiency, innovative design processes, improvement in indoor air quality, energy conservation

and reuse of construction waste. Linda Larson, Solid Waste and Toxics program manager for the Environmental Management Division of the 78th Civil Engineer Group, said earning certification is testament to the commitment of taking care of the environment, while taking care of mission-related construction needs. “It shows you’re conserving

water and energy in the building,” she said. “When the facility is finished, it should be easier to operate and maintain it in a more cost effective way.” Construction and landscaping of the new facility will include metal roofing and framing of the building made from recycled materials, native plants that require less maintenance and recycled tires used for plant borders

around the facility. The visitor’s center will also use natural lighting from windows and a more efficient heating and air conditioning system to conserve energy and increase air ventilation, a carbon dioxide monitoring system, and a landscaping design that allows for a reduction of water usage. Chip Bridges, civil engineer and project manager for the

main gate construction project, said the LEED concept is expected to become a natural part of the construction business in the future – reducing overall construction costs. “It’s mainly about a culture change – changing the way both contractors and designers think about and use renewable resources for construction and using longer lasting products so they’re not having to replace

them,” he said. “We want to start re-using portions of buildings that have been torn down, instead of building all over (from scratch). That’s the whole point of LEED.” Mr. Bridges said LEED helps installations ensure their buildings are environmentally-sound, as well as structurally-sound – a standard Robins plans to make part of future construction projects.

## AIRMEN

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Maj. Eddie Boxx, 1st Lt. Jason Scott and 2nd Lt. T.J. Britt are all graduates of Fort Walton Beach High School in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Major Boxx and Lieutenant Scott are flyers on the JSTARS, and Lieutenant Britt is awaiting pilot training. Although they graduated different years they share the same “Viking” pride and cherish their school colors, which coincidentally enough, are red, white and blue. The Florida natives started and graduated high school at different times, and they attended different colleges. They also went to different places and traveled different roads on their way to becoming officers in the Air Force. Even so, they ended up not only at the same base, but the same squadron, flying on the same plane to accomplish the same mission.

In high school all three were members of sports teams and clubs. “It’s an easy transition from one team to another due to the camaraderie and pride that the members of our Air Force possess,” said Major Boxx, senior director in charge of operations team. It’s difficult coming to a new work environment for many in the Air Force, but for Lieutenant Britt it was a different story. “It’s good coming into a situation where you’re new and already having connections with people you work with,” he said.

**Glory days**  
As the three sat in an

office and passed around Major Boxx’s 1982 year-book, they joked with each other about their “glory days.” Major Boxx showed the two lieutenants a picture of himself on the swim team being coached by Lieutenant Britt’s mother. Lieutenant Scott said he remembers dating cheerleaders who Lieutenant Britt’s mother coached, dropping out of Lieutenant Britt’s father’s Trigonometry and Analytical Geometry classes and playing on the 1995 State Championship Football team as a defensive back. They each joined the Air Force for a different reason. Major Boxx spent four years in the Army before joining the Air Force, Lieutenant Scott joined as a way to pay for his degree from Florida State University and Lieutenant Britt joined after being accepted into the Air Force Academy and because of family tradition. Each had his own life and career goals, but all attributed joining the Air Force to coming from a town that is home to the Air Force Armament Museum, 7 miles southwest of Eglin Air Force Base and a mere 5 miles east of Hurlburt Field. Things have changed since high school. Major Boxx doesn’t have to run wherever he goes because now he drives a BMW Z4; Lieutenant Scott doesn’t date cheerleaders because now he’s happily married; and Lieutenant Britt’s father, who was vice principal while he was in school, doesn’t follow his son to class every day.

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and 78th Engineering Squadron project programmer. “Our focus is to promote the awareness of the hardships, accomplishments and the overall culture of African Americans, past and present.” Each year different units are responsible for hosting the events associated with the black heritage observance, Lieutenant Lawson said. This year the 78th Air Base Wing is the host unit. BHOC activities are not limited to Robins people. For instance, high school and middle school students from the base and local

area will take part in a youth/cultural day. “The entire community is encouraged to support and participate in the events set forth for the 2005 observance,” Lieutenant Lawson said. “The host unit, along with local area sponsors and fundraisers conducted by the BHOC, supports the observance financially each year,” said Senior Airman Dana Daniels, BHOC secretary and deployable network administrator for the 53rd Combat Communications Squadron. Dates, times and locations for Black Heritage Observance events are: **Today**, Golf tournament at Pine Oaks, lunch at 11:30 a.m. and tee time at 12:30 p.m.

**Feb. 6**, 4-6p.m. - Gospel concert at the base chapel  
**Feb. 11**, Health Fun Run and Walk. Registration at the health and wellness center at 9:30 a.m. and start at 10 a.m.  
**Feb. 17**, 11:30 a.m. - Luncheon at the enlisted club  
**Feb. 19**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. - Youth, Cultural day at the Museum of Aviation featuring New Vision and the African Sashay dancers. Dr. Wanda West, Twiggs County superintendent, is the guest speaker.  
**Feb. 25**, 7-10 p.m. - Grand finale at the enlisted club featuring 5 Men on a Stool. These men collaborate to bring the spoken word combined with old school, gospel and today’s inspirational music.

## AWARD

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Outstanding Unit Award is a tremendous honor,” said Colonel Bernard. “The fact that this is the group’s sixth consecutive and 12th overall AFOUA is a testament to the dedication and hard work of all of the Black Knights, past and present.” The commander added that although the outstanding unit award is a 19th ARG award, it would not have been possible without the incredible support from everyone at Robins. The unit’s success in its most recent win can be attributed to its leadership, dedication, personal sacrifice and selfless devotion to duty which led to the safe deployment in sup-

**What to know**  
The 19th ARG has won 12 Outstanding Unit Awards – six in the past six years. With just 13 assigned and 12 possessed aircraft, group’s members executed a total of 5,687 flying hours.

port of two wars. The citation credited them with successfully accomplishing 127 Operation Enduring Freedom and 494 Operation Iraqi Freedom combat air refueling missions. At home, the Black Knights safely generated and operated 40 Operation Noble Eagle missions ensuring the security and defense of America’s homeland. The unit accomplished 1,166 sorties delivering more than 20 million pounds of fuel to Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and coalition aircraft. The group also accomplished a record level of C-5 production output. Their focus and technical expertise led to the repair of an average of 1,500 discrepancies per aircraft, eliminating more than 4,700 hours of aircraft downtime and decreasing average programmed depot maintenance from 300 to 220 days.

The group also earned top honors from Air Mobility Command with recognition including the command’s best operations support squadron, best small aircrew life support team and top company grade officer.

## AMC vice commander visits



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Lt. Gen. John Baker, Air Mobility Command vice commander at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., visited Robins Tuesday and Wednesday. The general toured the 19th MXS, 19th AMXS, 19th Command Section, 99th ARS, 19th OSS and flew with a KC-135 mission. The general, center, talks with KC-135 crewmembers Maj. Gerry Hinderberger, left, and Capt. Chris Schlachter, right, before a mission flight Wednesday.

## CORRECTION

The Jan. 21 article “Hot stuff: Robins cracks down on shoplifting, makes offenders pay” should have stated that the military sponsor’s checking and Military Star card privileges are suspended if the debt isn’t paid within 60 days, and the Civil Recovery program administrative fee is \$200. The Rev-Up regrets the errors.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Rick Gray  
Staff Sgt. Paul Hockaday, in blue suit, trains base firefighters how to use the K-12 cut-saw.

## 653rd CLSS train base firefighters how to use saw to cut through aircraft parts

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A call for assistance rang out from the Base Fire Department in October, but it wasn’t to battle a raging fire. Fire department employees contacted the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron to get some hands-on training on the K-12 cut-saw, a piece of equipment both agencies use in their lines of work. The training helped firefighters better prepare themselves for possible real-world emergencies like aircraft crashes where time and skill could save lives. “They were all qualified to use the saw, but many of them had never actually cut any part of an aircraft with it,” said Staff Sgt. David Imel, 653rd CLSS depot level maintenance craftsman. “We took some of the stuff we had already cut off of an aircraft and showed them some techniques and let them get the feel for actually cutting through the metal.” The aircraft parts used for the training were removed from aircraft tail number 69004, the C-5 that for more than a year Airmen with the 653rd have been knee deep in, lending a helping hand to those evaluating the aircraft’s viability for the future through the C-5A Structural Risk

Analysis and Model Revalidation Program. Since part of their mission is to provide highly trained, world-wide deployable teams to accomplish aircraft battle damage repairs, 653rd CLSS Airmen know cutting into aircraft like the backs of their hands. With that knowledge and some spare parts Sergeant Imel, and Staff Sgt. Paul Hockaday, an aircraft fuels system craftsman, were happy to spend an afternoon with about 20 firefighters training on the saw. For four hours the firefighters, dressed in full gear, made detail cuts through 2 and ½ inch thick metal, learning and seeing first hand what could one day be the difference between life and death. Tech. Sgt. Joseph Fruge, 778th crew chief and fire protection craftsman, said aside from actual emergencies, they very rarely cut into an aircraft, so many of the Airman and some of the civilians working at the fire department had never gotten the opportunity to cut into the skin of an aircraft. “That’s why this was such an advantage,” he said. “It was more life-like training than the simulations we have done before. I thought it was very worthwhile.” He said the two 653rd mem-

bers gave them insight on different parts of the aircraft. Sergeant Hockaday said they do this type of training when special requests are made, and they enjoy helping other base organizations and feel they get as much out of the experiences as they give. “It really helps everyone out in the end because who knows when and where they may actually have to use the training,” he said. “I think it was some good hands-on training out there. If they can cut through that, they can cut through anything.” The K-12 saws are used by the 653rd for aircraft de-militarization and dismantling, but are also used by base firefighters in cases of aircraft emergencies. Sergeant Imel said the saw is a powerful piece of equipment. “It’s basically a powerful chainsaw modified to cut concrete and steel, and it has special blades used to cut through other metal,” he said. The saws are heavy and extremely loud, so ear protection is a must. Weighing between 35 and 45 pounds, the saws are usually operated by two people and emit between 119 to 123 decibels of sound. That, according to Sergeant Hockaday, is equivalent to the sound of a rock concert.

## Chiefs motor to new stripe with Jeep Chief tradition

By Holly L. Birchfield  
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When enlisted members at Robins are selected for promotion to chief master sergeant, they can expect more than an additional stripe and new responsibilities - they can expect to receive a jeep from the Robins Chiefs’ Group. But it isn’t exactly the type of jeep some might imagine. In fact they will be carrying the jeep instead of driving it. It’s actually a miniature military-style jeep on top of a small wooden box that previous new chiefs have decorated with items that represent their interests. It’s a fun part of the Air Force chief master sergeant promotion tradition, according to Chief Master Sgt. Fermon Reid, president of the Robins Chiefs’ Group. “It’s a way to readily identify the newly promoted chief master sergeants that fosters and increases esprit de corps,” he said. While carrying the jeep, new chiefs take on the title of Jeep Chief, according to Chief Master Sgt. Billy Doolittle, command chief master sergeant at Robins, who said the jeep symbolizes accountability. “When you carry this around, going to meetings, then everyone is able to recognize you’re the newest chief because you carry this jeep with you,” he said. “With it, comes the responsibility of being able to take care of and maintain the jeep and add a personal touch to the jeep at the end. So, the lineage is there, and you can look back and reflect on the history of the chiefs’ group and all of those who have participated.” Those selected for chief master sergeant usually hold the jeep for up to 30 days past their promotion date and must tote the roughly 10-pound mounted miniature jeep everywhere they go. “You’re entrusted with keeping up with it,” Chief Master Sgt. Vincent Garrett, 78th Civil Engineer Squadron superintendent of enlisted matters, who currently holds the jeep, said. “You even have an Air Force Form 1800, like when you check out a government-owned vehicle. So, every day, you



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Chief Master Sgt. Vincent Garrett, 78th Civil Engineer Squadron superintendent of enlisted matters is the current jeep chief.

### What to know

The Robins Chiefs' Group is a base organization open to all active duty, Reserve and Air National Guard chief master sergeants and chief master sergeant selects.

have to check the form, and if there’s anything broken on the jeep, you have to fix it and record it.” Chief Garrett, who added a miniature gas mask to the host of decorations on the jeep, said any chief master sergeant may ask to see the box at any time – and not keeping tabs on the object could cost you a \$10 donation to the Robins Chiefs’ Group. “It’s a fun tradition, but I’ll be glad when I can pass it on,” he said. “Then I can walk around freely without having to worry about having my hands on it so no one can take it away from me.”



# Child Development Centers promote literacy with special day

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Kelly Green showed up for work in her pajamas last week.

No, it wasn't one of those weird recurring dreams that plague some people, it was pajama literacy day at the Robins Child Development Centers.

Ms. Green, a training and curriculum specialist here, said the annual event which celebrates literacy in the non-traditional sense, called for students, teachers and special guest readers to dress in their pajamas as they shared, educated and entertained each other with books.

"This is a creative and interactive way to bring an activity into the centers that is based around literacy," she said. "We do this every year and everyone really looks forward to it."

James Feeley, 3, was one of the students who enjoyed the day's activities. He especially liked the striped hat that John Flood, 78th Services Division director, wore as he read to a class of three to five year olds.

"The book was great too," the child said.

Tommy Henson, CDC West director, said they wanted to do something fun as well as educational.

"It's a day to celebrate literacy and devote extra time to



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Parent volunteer reader Quiana Patterson reads to children at the Child Development Center West Jan. 21. The centers use events like the pajama day to keep parents involved in activities with their children.

enjoying reading," he said.

"It's also a great opportunity for parents and senior leaders to come by and celebrate literacy. I mean how many jobs can you get away with wearing your pajamas to work?"

Mr. Henson said pajama literacy day has been a part of the curriculum for more than a decade and is a day that everyone looks forward to.

"Some of the parents told us that their kids wanted special pajamas just for today," he said.

The day's theme was

## What to know

As an added incentive three vouchers were given to the first, second and third place winners for the most creative rooms. The winners were chosen based on how many people dressed in Pajamas and creative uses of literacy. The first prize of \$100 was to be used to purchase items to make learning to read fun.

"Reading the day away and sharing a love for books" and was one of the many activities on the CDCs parent involvement calendar.

"These activities are as much for the parents as the



Teacher Jackie Jarvis reads to Zxaria St. Louis and Jordan King at Child Development Center East. The day's theme was 'Reading the day away and sharing a love for books.' The event was one of many activities on the CDC's parent involvement calendar. Next month's activity is the Kids' Art show Feb. 25.

## Enlisted aides needed for locations around AF

The Air Force Senior Leader Management Office is looking for enthusiastic, mature and professional applicants with a solid record of performance, right attitude, interpersonal and culinary skills to fill future enlisted aide openings at many locations around the Air Force.

For information, including a list of tasks which can be found on the JQS and Air Force FM 797, and how to apply to this unique and challenging special duty field, visit <http://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/afslmoea/index.htm>.

Applications will be accepted until Monday for the following potential future openings: Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C.

Second term airmen (must have reenlisted) senior airman through master sergeant are

eligible to apply. The package should contain legible copies of your last five EPRs; a resume; two, full-length 8 x 10 inch photographs in service dress; and recommendation letters from your unit commander and wing command chief master sergeant.

Desired locations for reassignment should be listed on the enlisted aide resume cover brief located at attachment 1 of the air force instruction and submitted with your application.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Gary Murdock or Master Sgt. Kevin Carpenter at DSN 664-8136.

Packages should be prepared in accordance with AFI 36-2123 and mailed to: AFSLMO 2221 S. Clark St., Crystal Plaza 6, Suite 500, Arlington, Va. 22202.

— From staff reports

## MUSEUM EVENTS

The Houston Arts Alliance offers something for the entire family and it's free. They are extending a community invitation to their seventh **Celebration of Culture and the Arts Open House**, co-sponsored by the Museum of Aviation Foundation. The event will be held Feb. 7 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. For more information, contact the Houston Arts Alliance office at 329-0299.

Museum of Aviation will present its monthly **Hangar Talk** with the film "The Tuskegee Airmen" Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. in the VistaScope Theater. The movie is free and open to the public. Seating is based on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact Heather Fasciocco at 926-6870 or [heatherf@museumofaviation.org](mailto:heatherf@museumofaviation.org)

# Operation Iraqi Freedom cause understood by many Iraqis

**By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice**  
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BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) – I vividly remember the day when President Bush first declared that American troops were going into Iraq. I remember the incessant news coverage of some Iraqis’ negative comments about the war and about Americans. But my recent arrival in Iraq has shown me the side of Iraqis that the media ignored then.

On that first day, the war was the lead headline in every paper, the lead story on every news channel. MTV even aired specials on what was going on.

I remember footage of those first blasts and our troops going in. I

remember the president coming before the American people several more times. But most of all I remember the news media’s footage of Iraqi citizens. In interview after interview you heard Iraqi men and young boys degrading Americans. The news stations showed footage of Iraqi men protesting our help and attacking our people.

Now, I’m not saying that this type of belief isn’t felt by some Iraqi citizens. I am fully aware it is the belief of some that Americans are bad people and have no business in Iraq. If this were not the case then the Airmen, Soldiers, Marines and Sailors who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Iraq instead would be at home with their families right now.

But I can’t help but believe that

they fought for a good cause and that their efforts are appreciated by many Iraqi citizens. As Americans we understand the importance of freedom. And that is our “good cause” – to share freedom with people who could not achieve that goal on their own.

In the few days that I have spent here in Iraq I already have experienced the respect and kindness of Iraqi men. Two incidents in particular come to mind when I think of this kindness.

This first incident happened when another Airman and I were driving through a muddy field and got our vehicle stuck. As at least eight different people walked or drove by and ignored our predicament, two young Iraqi men stopped what they were

doing and came over to help the best they could. Both were wearing dress shoes. They went to the extent of taking them off, rolling up their pant legs and pushing the car with my troop as I put the pedal to the metal. The four of us spent at least 30 minutes in the cold and mud trying to get it out, until we finally gave up and walked to our office to get the car towed. These two gentlemen may not have been able to fix our problem but they did everything they could to help when we were in need.

The second act of kindness was a little simpler, but meant just as much to me. It happened when I was making a purchase at a small BX trailer on base. As the young Iraqi gentleman behind the counter rang up my purchase I couldn’t help but appreciate

how kind and courteous he was. He carried a friendly smile the entire time and after handing me my bag extended his hand and said thank you. He actually shook my hand. I realize to some this may not sound like much, but in my 23 years of existence I have never had anyone working at a store shake my hand and say thank you.

It is incidents like these that make me proud to be a member of the United States Air Force and proud to be part of such an important mission as Operation Iraqi Freedom. I ask those who question our mission because of the negative things they may have seen and heard to remember these little incidents. There are those men and women in this far-off country who want to be free, deserve to be free, and with our help can be free!

# Learning about host nation can change your perspective

**By Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol**  
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Public Affairs

KARSHI-KHANABAD AIR BASE, Uzbekistan (AFPN) – In the global war on terrorism, Uzbekistan is an ally. Because of that, I have wanted to know more about the people since I got here in late December.

Now to provide you a broader perspective, Uzbekistan is a country north of Afghanistan and was controlled by the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

According the U.S. State Department, Uzbekistan is the most populous country in Central Asia. Uzbekistan suddenly found itself on the front-line of the war on terrorism and with increased strategic importance to the stability of Central Asia.

“With its central location, fast growing population, a

variety of natural resources and a potential for a diversified economy, an open prosperous Uzbekistan is central to economic growth in the region,” the State Department’s country profile shows. “Uzbekistan aspires to regional leadership and continues to be key in maintaining security in Central Asia.”

A profile is a good first step to learn about a foreign country. But to me, it is about the people. You really don’t know about a place until you meet them in person. That is something I learned nearly 13 years ago when I was assigned to my first base in the Azores, and it has carried through my career to places like England, Italy and Turkey, and more recently to Iraq and Afghanistan in 2003. This time it happens to be Uzbekistan.

My first meeting with an Uzbek native took place recently with the reinvigoration of a tour exchange pro-

gram here. The program, which started here in 2004, enables deployed American forces to visit an Uzbek airfield, and in return, lets Uzbek air force members do likewise.

During our tour, I shook hands with several Uzbek airmen, but with one in particular, I was able to have a conversation through an interpreter. I learned he lived away from base and was very proud of the work he does for his country, something he and I had in common.

He also asked me what I thought of his country. Since I grew up, and currently live, in a northern climate where January is mighty cold, I told him I loved the mild winter weather here and the country is very beautiful with mountains and farmlands. I got a smile and another warm handshake.

Three days later, we had the Uzbek airmen visit us and wouldn’t you know it, one of

the people in the group was the same fellow I had a conversation with three days prior.

After he walked around one of our planes, he made his way back to me and asked to have a picture taken with my camera of us together. I was taken aback by that, but not surprised. I could see I had made a friend even though we didn’t know each other’s name and he spoke Russian and I spoke English.

I also had a chance to accompany some Army officials here on a visit the city of Khanabad, which is a city of about 5,300 people. The Army, coincidentally, does an incredible job working with the local communities here to help with humanitarian assistance and human relations. They bring along deployed Air Force personnel to assist with orphanage and school visits, which take place quite frequently.

Our visit to Khanabad was familiarization and fact-finding. Our first stop there was with the mayor, Mr. Diyadov. This mayor is proud of his community and showed us through the streets. Once we finished touring the town, we stopped and visited with officials at the city’s school.

The day we were visiting happened to be Uzbekistan’s armed forces day holiday, and at about the time we were there they were preparing a celebration. When we met with the mayor earlier in the trip, there was a memorial in front of the town hall honoring all the town’s residents who died in conflicts past. It was like something I would find in my hometown back in the U.S. honoring our military veterans.

Back at the school, children were everywhere, playing in the courtyards and on the sidewalks. They were smiling and waving, and yet ever so curious about what we were doing. It was a pleasant sight.

On the way back to the base, what I saw reminded me of what I saw when I was walking the streets of Basra, Iraq, less than 18 months ago. There were people doing their every-day thing in the comfort of their own community. They were friendly and obviously thankful for everything they have. It is a sobering reminder of how important freedom and choices are to people.

Whether it was making a friend with an Uzbek airman or meeting a proud mayor, I can see that people here are good people. I didn’t find that out from a profile or from second-hand information. I have seen it and learned it from my host nation people.


Most importantly, I learned we have a wonderful ally in the global war on terrorism here. And it is through efforts in places like this that we will win this war, make more friends, and gain a new perspective.

Commander's Action Line

Col. Greg Patterson

Commander,

78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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Services Division.....	926-5491
EEO Office.....	926-2131
MEO.....	926-6608
Employee Relations.....	926-5802
Military Pay.....	926-3777
IDEA.....	926-2536
Base hospital.....	327-7850
Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

**Commander's action line**

Maybe it’s just me, but the tenor of many questions and requests to the “Commander’s Action Line” that I read lately is disturbing. I find myself amazed by how often commander responses hit-the-nail-on-the-head with comprehension, courtesy and command quality; not-to-mention the minimal article-inch space within which

they manage to do it. This forum has always struck me as a privilege and not a right. A mean spirit is always the wrong precursor. My cap is off to our responsible and “responsive” senior leadership.

**Commander’s reply:** Thanks very much for the kind comments. Like every program, the integrity of the Commander’s Action Line Program depends upon the professional manner in

which every call or e-mail is managed. The core values of “respect for others” and “excellence in all we do” are two thoughts that come to mind. We realize that any action line submitted is important to the person asking the question, lodging a complaint, or providing kudos to our extraordinary civilian and military work force. Therefore, we owe it to the submitter to respond as quickly, professionally and completely as possible.

## Remember to slow down

There have been

8

speeding tickets issued calendar year to date.

### How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles = 3 points
11 - 15 miles = 4 points
16 - 20 miles = 5 points
21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren't subject to adverse action.


**To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.**

### Robins DUI tracker

Robins has adopted a zero tolerance policy for drinking and driving. In addition to an incentive for no DUIs and putting up signs to keep the message in drivers' minds as they leave the base, the Rev-Up will run weekly numbers of DUIs.

Fiscal 2003: 55      Fiscal 2004: 79      Fiscal 2005 to date: 17

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Trains, boats and  
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# Retiring Robins blacksmith has worked on them all

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Blacksmithing is a family tradition for Robert Herndon's family.

His great-great-grandfather, great-grandfather, grandfather, father, he and now his son have all worked the trade.

Now, after 50 years plying his trade at Robins, the blacksmith has laid down his hammer and doused his fire.

Mr. Herndon began his career when he served an apprenticeship with the Central Georgia Railroad. Following that, he transferred to the Savannah Division of the railroad. There he worked for two years until a layoff forced him to find other work.

He found it at the Savannah shipyards.

"I worked at the shipyard at night. It was a real tough job," he said. "We worked on destroyers, tankers, PT boats - just general contract work for the government."

He moved back and forth between the shipyard and railroad several times before a supervisor at the shipyard asked if he was going to work for him or the railroad.

"I said, 'I guess I have to go on back to the railroad because it's in my blood. My daddy worked for the railroad and my granddaddy and great-granddaddy. All of them were blacksmiths; that's how I learned my trade.'"

Mr. Herndon came to work at Robins in July 1954 and,



U.S. Air Force photo by Ray Crayton  
Robert Herndon served for 50 years as a blacksmith and welder at Robins.

having served here for 50 years, retired earlier this month.

"I came out here and met a man named Robert D. Hawkins. He was the foreman of the blacksmith shop, welding, heat-treating and foundry," Mr. Herndon said recalling his first trip to Robins. "We went through Building 110 and over to Building 125, and he introduced me to the shop supervisor over there.

"I took the job, and I wasn't satisfied. I was going back to the railroad," he added.

A family emergency prevented his leaving the area. His wife Jewel, who was expecting their first child, had the baby girl prematurely.

"Back then, we didn't have any insurance to live on, so we had to pay the hospital a little at a time," he said.

The Herndon's daughter

survived, but she was blind due to medical procedures necessary for her survival. The couple settled in Macon and Mr. Herndon continued his job here at Robins.

"When I first got started, we had to build a fire twice a day out of coal for heat," Mr. Herndon said, Describing his early years working for the base. "Then we got to using welding torches and from that we went into induction heat - a radio frequency - and it would heat a piece instantly. It was real fast and you could heat a part just where you wanted.

"When I first came in, they didn't throw out the tools; I reworked them, hammered them out, hardened them and tempered them. I can make any kind of tool out of steel," he added.

Wishing to advance his skills, in 1969 Mr. Herndon went to Texas to take a course in pathological corrective shoeing for horses.

"When I came back people nearly ran me crazy because there's so much work out there for farriers," he said.

Mr. Herndon has witnessed many changes during his time as a civil servant.

"It was amazing. But one thing about shoeing a horse, they can't build a machine that can put that shoe on that horse," he said with a laugh.

He said many schools consider blacksmiths to be artists.

Danny King, chief of the Commodities and Industrial Products Division for which

Mr. Herndon worked, agreed.

"Bobby Herndon has served 50 years of service as a blacksmith and welder," he said. "We're not only losing an outstanding worker, but we're losing a man of many talents and, in my opinion, an artist when it comes to working metals and fabrications of parts from metals."

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working for the government," Mr. Herndon said. "We had some mighty good times. Danny King was one of my engineers. We've also had some rough times; things have been real busy," he reminisced. "I feel sad. I've worked with some of the best people in the world out here."

## 2-INFO puts Robins in touch with helping agencies

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Robins is working with the United Way of Central Georgia and the Houston Drug Action Council to put helping agencies at its employees' fingertips.

The base has added a number to its directory that allows the Robins community to use the 2-1-1 phone line that United Way and HODAC use to allow people from 14 Middle Georgia counties access to community-based services. The base number is 2-INFO (4636), and it also offers information on Robins' services.

Maj. Beth Zeiger, chairperson of the Integrated Delivery System, said the phone line, which puts people in touch with base helping agencies like the Family Support Center and Life Skills Center, is a great resource.

"One of our biggest challenges is linking people to programs that would be helpful to them," she said. "Sometimes, there are so many helping agencies; it's not clear what services are offered by whom. The advantage of this is to have one contact number you can call to get all services available on and off base so you can make a choice about where to get assistance."

Information specialists are available on the line 24 hours daily who can help people contact those resources by searching a database of agencies registered with the HODAC-operated line.

Roger Vann, project manager for telecommunications information systems with the 78th Communications Squadron, said while a technical limitation presented a bit of a challenge for connecting Robins to the 2-1-1 line, the 2-INFO line was a reachable solution.

### What to know

The 2-1-1 line - reachable on base by dialing 2-INFO (4636) or 1-866-680-8924 - is a phone line operated by the United Way of Central Georgia and HODAC that puts people in touch with helping agencies on and off base. The same information is available at [www.irissoft.com/hoda](http://www.irissoft.com/hoda).

"This line directs callers to the HODAC line just as if they were calling 211 from an off-base phone," he said. "That gives people one number they can call to get nearly everything they need."

Christine Parker, Family Support Center director, has been a part of the 2-1-1 line for more than five years and said providing the information through by phone and its Web-based version is an example of how the community embraces Robins' people.

"The fact that it's at no cost to the user and it has such a variety of topics available is awesome," she said. "I think that's fabulous, because they're going to work our people into base or community services and the customer gets to choose."

Tammie Collins, senior vice president of community impact for the United Way of Central Georgia, said enabling people to use a Robins line helps increase the service's reach.

"I'm so excited that this is happening, because the people at Robins are such a major part of this community," she said. "This is such an important service to people (that allows them to) quickly find out about health and social services in the community. This takes us one step further in making it available to all members of the community."

# Base chapel donates more than \$1M to community

By Lanorris Askew  
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Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel Nigolian said the people at the base chapel don’t believe religious institutions exist to build up bank accounts. And, a recent look through the books shows they’re putting their money where their mouths are.

A few months ago when the chaplain asked his bookkeeper to look into what kinds of contributions had been made by the chapel to the community in the past couple of years he was amazed at the resulting figure - more than \$1 million in three years.

“That’s \$332,000 a year,” he said. “I had no idea we had given that much.”

According to the chaplain, the Air Force takes care of the salaries of the military workers, the utilities and the care of the building. That means contributions can be used in service to the community.

“The chapel takes up offerings just like any church or other religious institution, but the difference is that 100 percent of the offering goes to ministries of various sorts that help the community,” said Chaplain Nigolian. “If you put a dime in the offering plate, that dime goes directly out to help someone, it doesn’t stay in house.”

Some of those who have benefited from the chapels’ contributions include the First Term Airman Center, the Top 3, the First Sergeants organization and the Chiefs’ Group. They also sponsor holiday parties and give donations to charities like the Salvation Army.

In 2002 and 2003 the chapel underwrote the entire cost for two Habitat for Humanity houses at \$37,000 each.

“Giving this kind of money is an affirmation that what we’re doing is good work,” said the 78th Air Base Wing chaplain. “We exist to take the money that is given and we are good stewards of it by siphoning it out to the ministries that God and people want done.”

Other programs the chapel has contributed to include marriage enrichment, renting workshops and prayer breakfasts and lunches - which are offered at a discounted price.

“We don’t want to prohibit anyone from being able to come, so even if its costs us \$6 or \$7 we only charge \$1 or \$2,” he said.

The funds all come from Protestant and Catholic worship services and are kept in the chapel’s tithes and offerings fund.

“The chapel really does think a lot of Robins and works hard to do good things for it,” said the chaplain. “If you want to help our community and you want to know precisely where your money is going and even have a say in where it goes then giving at the chapel is the most direct way to help the community.”

One of the happy recipients of the base contributions is the First Term Airman’s Center. The chapel provides a luncheon and a briefing on services for each class regardless of its size.

“It’s a great opportunity for brand new Airmen to interact with the services offered at the chapel,” said Staff Sgt. Dorian Chapman, First Term Airman Center’s flight chief. “They take what could be a short briefing and a walkthrough,

## Where the money goes

Parish councils made up of congregation members decide where the contributions will go. The chapel is directed by the Chief of Chaplains Service to conduct a designated offering where an entire Sunday's offering is given to a selected agency or organization. This designated offering may be done once per month or once per quarter. The next one will be for Tsunami relief.

and turn it into a genuine show of care and concern. They really go that extra mile.”

“Whether it’s monetary donations, tissues for the family member of the deceased at a funeral, pantry supplies that offer the First Term Airman lunch while being introduced to the chapel services, baby-sitting services to military members attending parenting workshops or the cross in my pocket offered to the deploying Airman on the mobility line the chapel is making contributions of immeasurable significance,” said Chaplain Nigolian.

# Troop 259 visits Warner Robins City Hall, meets with mayor

Submitted

Ten girls from Robins’ Junior Girl Scout Troop 259 recently took an interest in their community. They visited City Hall Jan. 10 and met with the mayor of Warner Robins, Donald S. Walker.

The girls planned this meeting as part of their Sign of the Rainbow badge. This badge has the girls take a look at people around them both near and far. They learn about cultural diversity and their personal responsibility to make the community they live in and world a better place. The meeting with the mayor was an opportunity for the girls to learn how their community has changed, what the community is currently doing to help its citizens and what plans are being made to prepare Warner Robins for future challenges.

The girls met the mayor in his office, walked around city hall, discussed the history of Warner Robins (Wellston) and participated in a mock council meeting.

During the meeting in his office, the girls learned about the awards and honors that Warner Robins has earned for its fight against illiteracy and how together with local colleges and universities the city

is committed to improving the quality of life in Middle Georgia. While looking at the gallery of mayors, Mayor Walker told the girls about how two men were mayor of Warner Robins while in a federal prison. A whirlwind history lesson also told about the birth of Wellston as a train stop and its eventual transformation into the city of Warner Robins because the people of Macon didn’t want another military base. The mayor discussed current events like a new Wal-Mart and the Wellston Trail.

While the girls were treated to snacks the mayor took a moment to show the girls how city government works. A mock city council was formed from the girls present. Six girls were chosen by lot. A motion was presented to ban the selling and consumption of candy at any time within the Warner Robins city limits. The girls in favor of this ban stated improvement in children’s health and reduction in dental cost for parents as reasons. While the opposition made only one statement, “We like it!” A call for a vote was issued and it was a three-to-three tie. The mayor cast his vote against the ban claiming that he too had a “sweet tooth.” When



Courtesy photo  
Warner Robins Mayor Donald Walker shows Girl Scout Junior Troop 259 awards won by the city.

the remaining girls were asked if they would re-elect those in favor of the candy ban, it was almost a resounding, “no!”

The evening concluded with the mayor selecting one girl to take his annual Girl Scouts cookie order. The mayor presented each girl a special city of Warner Robins pin. He also presented to Teri Faust, the Troop’s leader, a special key to the city. He told Troop 259 “a key to the city will open many doors within the city but more importantly it is the key to the hearts of the cities citizens”

Special guest for the evening was a toy monkey

mascot from a Brownie Girl Scout Troop in Ohio. The monkey is part of a mascot swap that helps the girls share their scouting experiences with other girls. While the monkey is visiting with Troop 259, their Unicorn mascot is visiting with the Brownie troop. After a month the mascot will return to their own troop with pictures, stories and information about how the girls in the other unit live and play. Like the visit to the mayor’s office, this exchange helps the girls to learn that even though we are different; we are much the same and need to respect and care about each other.



## a late Christmas present

78th Civil Engineer Group returns to Robins from deployment to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, in support of OEF

By Lanorris Askew

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While most people returned their Christmas garb and decorations to the attic, basement or closet weeks ago, at least three Robins families still had their stockings hung by the chimney with care in hopes that their husbands and fathers soon would be there.

Those hopes were realized Jan. 21, when 38 members of the 78th Civil Engineer Group returned from a four and one-half month deployment to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

### Surprise visit

Tamara Wyatt, the wife of Tech. Sgt. Robert Wyatt, a pavements and heavy equipment operator, waited eagerly for his return carrying photos of their daughters Kaylin and Bailey.

The two girls were at school and didn't know their father was coming home. They would have a big surprise at the last bell of the day.

Mrs. Wyatt said the family is extremely happy to have her husband home and they saved a little bit of Christmas to share with him.

"We left our tree up, and we have his presents and a couple of presents for the girls under it," she said.

While the two were able to keep in touch through e-mail, the separation was hard.

"Thank God for e-mail," she said. "There was an eight-hour difference in the time zones, so when he would e-mail me I would wake up and see it. I wish it could have been an instant message thing."

Sergeant Wyatt said the warm Georgia weather was a welcome surprise.

"It feels so good to be here after those long, cold months," he said. "It couldn't be a more perfect day."

The sergeant and his daughter Bailey who share a Jan. 23 birthday celebrated Sunday with friends and family, a turkey dinner and birthday cake.

### Face-to-face

Ramona Nelson was another wife waiting for her husband. But instead of pictures, she brought along her two children, Brandon 19 months old, and three-month-old Alyssa. Born a month after his departure, Staff Sgt. Christopher Nelson had never met his daughter.

"We've been counting down the days," she said.

She said she was able to e-mail pictures of Alyssa to her husband at least twice a week, but nothing could compare to their first face-to-face meeting.

"It feels really good to hold her," he said after staring at her lovingly. "It has been a long time coming."

The recent deployment caused Staff Sgt. Steven Rice and his wife Dina to celebrate his birthday and their four-year anniversary apart.

"My Christmas tree and lights are still up and his presents are still under the tree," she said. "He missed our anniversary, but I'm happy it wasn't our five- or 10-year anniversary."

### Learning experience

This was the first deployment



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Staff Sgt. Steven Rice's wife Dina welcomes him home Jan. 21. Sergeant Rice was one of 38 members of the 78th Civil Engineer Group who spent four and one-half months deployed to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Above, members of the 78th CEG return to Robins. While in Kyrgyzstan the Airmen operated and maintained air field facilities. Right, Senior Airman Alfred Winther is greeted by one of his new puppies and their mother. His girlfriend Johna Forbeck brought three of the five 10-week-old puppies to welcome him home.



Members of the 78th CEG welcome home returning Airmen with applause and a banner.

for Airman 1st Class Michael Davis, a structural apprentice. He said it wasn't as bad as he thought it would be, but it wasn't a Hilton hotel either.

"My training helped a lot to prepare me for this deployment, and I got a lot more training while there," he said. "It was a great experience."

### Home sweet home

Master Sgt. Tracy Bivins the first sergeant and one of only two females on the deployment, said deployments like this make you appreciative of home.

"I missed the simple things like taking a shower and sleeping in my own bed," she said. "When we went to shower, we had to



### What they accomplished

The engineers, who deployed to Manas, Kyrgyzstan, in September, helped improve the quality of life at the air base. The deployed Airmen filled a variety of roles from operating and maintaining air field facilities to providing engineering design and construction for more than \$35 million in new facilities. The CE troops also provided firefighters and explosive ordnance support to help ensure the safety and security of the base.

wear shower shoes. So its little things like that that you don't really think about."

She also missed the mild Georgia winter. She said the temperatures during the last week of the deployment ranged from the teens to the low 20s.

"It's a wonderful feeling to have them back," said Capt. Steve Harrington, 78th CES acting commander. "We know they worked hard and have provided outstanding service. Everyone appreciates what they've done overseas in support of freedom."



# 2005 FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Federal law (5 U.S.C. 6103) establishes the following public holidays for federal employees. Please note that most federal employees work on a Monday through Friday schedule. For these employees, when a holiday falls on a nonworkday – Saturday or Sunday – the holiday usually is observed on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday).

FEB	MAY	JULY	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Monday, Feb. 21: George Washington's Birthday	Monday, May 30: Memorial Day	Monday, July 4: Independence Day	Monday, Sept. 5: Labor Day	Monday, Oct. 10: Columbus Day	Friday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day Thursday, Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Dec. 26: Christmas Day	<div><div></div><div>MARCH, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST</div><div>no federal holiday</div></div>

## SERVICES BRIEFS

### Base Restaurant

Grilled steaks are back at the restaurant on Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 and includes grilled steak, baked potato, green beans and tea.

### Child Development Centers East & West

Give Parents a Break and Hourly Care is available Feb. 4 from 6:30 - 10 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and School Age Program (unless otherwise posted). An advance \$6 non-refundable deposit is required by Monday for hourly care. Cost is \$3 per child per hour for children six weeks to 12 years old. New enrollees must have up-to-date shot records for their children and complete required forms prior to making reservations. For more information, call 926-5805.

### Enlisted Club

World Wrestling Entertainment Royal Rumble Pay-per-view will be aired at the club Sunday at 8 p.m.

Cost is free to members and \$5 for guests.

Super Bowl XXXIX comes to the club Feb. 6. Enjoy a dinner buffet, door prizes and many more surprises. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for guests and non-members.

A Texas Hold ‘Em tournament will be held Feb. 5 and 26 with a practice and warm-up session from 11 - 11:45 a.m., sign-up starts at noon and games at 12:30 p.m. Prizes will be given to the winners of the first round and a 27-inch television will be given as the grand prize. The tournament is limited to the first 64 players. Cost is \$5 members and \$10 nonmembers. For more information, call 926-4515.

### Family Child Care

Individuals living in base housing who provide care for children other than their own for more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must

be licensed. To become licensed, contact Vera Keasley, FCC coordinator, at 926-6741 to start the process. Individuals who fail to do so may place their housing privilege in jeopardy.

### Information, Tickets and Travel

Wild Adventure Theme Park, in Valdosta, Ga., season tickets are available for \$60 or single day pass for \$33. These tickets are good for ages 3 and older. Season parking passes will be available for \$22 per car. For more information, call 926-2945.

ITT has tickets available to Hairspray Feb. 19 and 26 at 2 p.m. for \$61 until Feb. 4. The play will be held at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta.

Tickets are available until Feb. 4 for the Hershey Take 5 300 and the Daytona 500, Feb. 19 and 20. Cost is \$145 per person and includes both races, a free T-shirt and the fan walk.

### Library

Start climbing your family tree with a beginning genealogy and family history class Feb. 15 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Building 905, Room 122. Participants will receive guidance and advice on their ancestry. To register or for more information, call 327-8761 or visit the library.

### Officers’ Club

Join the fun at Boss N’ Buddy night Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. at the Wellston. This event includes trivia games, prizes and appetizers.

### Pizza Depot

Watch for the February Edge and clip the coupon for a large one topping pizza for only \$7 for delivery only. Limit one coupon per person.

### Services Marketing

Subscribe to the new Services Cutting Edge electronic newsletter by going to [www.robins.af.mil/](http://www.robins.af.mil/) services and clicking on the subscribe icon at the top of the home page. From there

click on the Services newsletter link and complete the questionnaire. Subscribe to the overall Services newsletter and receive all information or to only those activities that are of interest to you.

### Smith Community Center

A human checker game will be played on Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Each team consists of 13 players. Teams may register by Feb. 9.

### Youth Center

The third annual Give Kids A Smile Day celebration will be held Feb. 4 from 3:30 - 7 p.m. at the Youth Center for children 5 years old and older. Two dental technicians from the base and the Georgia Dental Association will be there to answer questions and give free screenings. This program is sponsored in part by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Crest Healthy Smiles 2010. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Bowling Center

Every Wednesday in February is red-head pin day. Get a strike when the red pin is in the number one position and that game is free.

Bowlers who file their 2004 taxes by Thursday will get a free game with every three paid games during open bowling that day.

A sweetheart bowling special will be offered Feb. 13.

Bowlers who pay regular price will pay half price for their sweetheart.

### Fitness Center

Enjoy free water aerobics Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:15 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. located at the Rasile pool.

A new intramural sport, 6-A side soccer begins Monday. Commander’s cup points will be awarded. For more infor-

mation, call 926-2128.

A Club Robins Winter Spinathon will be held Feb. 12 from 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

The post-season varsity Southeastern Military Athletic Conference is slated for Feb. 19 - 21 at the fitness center.

### Outdoor Recreation

Recreation swim at the Rasile pool located in the fitness center will be open

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 - 3 p.m. and Saturday from 1 - 5 p.m. starting Tuesday. One lane will be reserved for lap swimmers. Children 16 years old and younger must be supervised at all times. All flotation devices must be U.S. Coast Guard approved.

### Youth Center

Robins Youth Center will be conducting registrations

for baseball, softball and T-ball for ages 5 - 18, and micro T-ball for ages 3-4, Feb. 21 - 28. For more information, call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

Applications are being accepted for spring soccer and baseball coaches. No experience is required, training will be provided. Apply in person at the youth center or call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

**Catholic Masses** are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

**Protestant General Services** take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format. **Protestant Inspirational Services** take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. **Protestant Contemporary Services** take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

**Jewish service time** is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

**Islamic Friday Prayer** (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

*The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.*

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

**Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.**

### Transition assistance

The Transition Assistance Program ensures active duty personnel are prepared to separate from the military. Classes are offered throughout the year.

### Relocation assistance

The FSC has videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for checkout. The relocation assistance program also has a Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service that has information on all military installations worldwide at [www](http://www).

[airforcesourceone.com](http://airforcesourceone.com) (user ID: airforce; password: ready). For more information, call 926-3453.

### Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-deployment briefings are offered by the FSC readiness team at 8:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays in Building 945, FSC annex. For more information, call 926-3453.

### Career focus

Career Focus provides ways for military spouses and family members, and displaced DoD civilian personnel to identify skills and interest, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change. For more information, call 926-1256.

## ROBINS CLUBS

**Aerospace Toastmasters Club 3368** meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the PK conference room, Building 300. If you wish to enhance your communication skills and become a better leader at work and in your community, come join us. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Robert E. Hall at 497-2946 or Brenda Smith at 222-1710.

**Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows**, a professional Electronic Combat organization, meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 11:45 a.m. in the atrium of the Officers’ Club. For more information, contact Julie Vick at 926-2264 or Wes Heidenreich at 929-4441.

**The Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program (AFCOMAP) Middle Georgia Chapter**, a professional organization

dedicated to the mentoring and professional development of all Air Force officers and officer candidates, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Dandelion Room of the Officers’ Club. More information can be found on Robins homepage under Special Functions.

**Officers’ Christian Fellowship** meets Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. at a member’s home. OCF serves all active duty officers, enlisted personnel, guard and reserve members, ROTC cadets/midshipmen, international military personnel and civilian employees of military retirees. For more information, contact Capt. Melissa Cunningham at [melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil](mailto:melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil) or 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at [ann.walsh@robins.af.mil](mailto:ann.walsh@robins.af.mil)

**Ravens Toastmasters Club** meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Special

### Airman’s attic

The Airmen’s Attic program supports junior enlisted members that are establishing a household. E-4s and below are encouraged to visit the attic to find items to help defray the cost of setting up an apartment or home. Items usually available include kitchenware, small appliances and decorative items. The attic also provides children’s clothing, toys and military uniforms. Large items such as chairs, couches, washers, dryers, entertainment centers, desks and tables are donated to the Airman’s Attic. These larger items are passed on to junior enlisted members by way of a “Wish List.” Airmen are encouraged to visit the Attic and list their needs on the wish list.

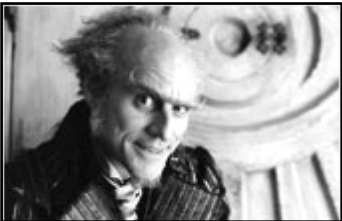
Operations Forces Management Directorate’s conference room No. 1, Building 300, East Wing, door E-4. For information, call Eddie Sanford at 222-3052.

**Reserve Officers Association Chapter 36, The Flying Tigers**, holds its luncheon meetings the second Tuesday of each month, 11:30 a.m., at the Officers’ Club. Lunch is pay-as-you-go buffet. Membership is open to Reserve officers of any service component, active or retired, and spouses. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Larry Ruggiero at 327-0227 or Lt. Col. Ray Cancilleri at 327-1622.

*Editor’s Note: Information is provided by club members. To have your club or group’s information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo in Building 215, Room 106, by e-mail at [angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil](mailto:angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil) or by fax at 926-9597.*

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

*Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.*



**Today 7:30 p.m. – Lemony Snickets – Jim Carrey and Timothy Spall**

Violet, Klaus and Sunny Baudelaire are three intelligent young children who receive terrible news that their parents have died in a fire and have left them an enormous fortune not to be used until the eldest child is of age. They are taken in by a series of odd relatives and other people, including Lemony Snicket, who narrates the film, and the cunning and dastardly count Olaf who is plotting to kill them and snatch their inheritance from them.

*Rated PG-13 (thematic elements, scary situations and brief language) 108 minutes*



**Saturday 7:30 p.m. – Spanglish – Adam Sandler and Tea Leoni**

When the beautiful native Mexican woman Flor, the mother of a 12-year-old girl, becomes the housekeeper for an affluent Los Angeles family, cultures collide. Of all the horrifying pitfalls she worried about in this new culture, Flor had never fathomed the peril of being truly embraced by an upscale American Family.

*Rated PG-13 (some sexual content and brief language) 131 minutes*

**COMING SOON: Feb. 4 and 5 – Meet the Fockers – Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller**

Now that Greg Focker is “in” with his soon-to-be-in-laws, Jack and Dina Byrnes, it looks like smooth sailing for him and his fiancée, Pam. But that’s before Pam’s parents meet Greg’s parents, the Fockers. *Rated PG-13 (crude and sexual humor, language and a brief drug refernece) 115 minutes*

**Feb. 12 – Constantine - free movie – Keanu Reeves and Rachel Weisz**

Pick up free passes at the Main Exchange checkout counters and any AAFES Food Outlets Feb. 11-12. Please arrive early. Seating is available on a first-come, first served basis. Theater is not responsible for over booking. *Rated R (violence and demonic images)*

**Feb. 12 – Fat Albert – 12 Kenan Thompson and Kyla Pratt (showtime at 2 p.m.)**

**Feb. 12 –White Noise – Michael Keaton and Chandra West**

**Feb. 18 – Racing Stripes – voices of Frankie Muniz and Hayden Panettiere**

**Feb. 19 – Elektra – Jennifer Garner**



# PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ...

The “Put your hands together for...” feature is a monthly installment to the Robins Rev-Up. Due to the overwhelming number of awards people at Robins receive, we just aren't able to cover them all. This feature is our way of ensuring we give credit where we can. The installment runs in the last issue published each month.

To have an award included in the “Put your hands together for...” page, submit a brief write up of the award and the people who have earned it. Photos may also be submitted, but space is limited. Submissions should be sent either by e-mail or brought to the Rev-Up office, Suite 106, Building 215. Submissions that are

brought to the office should be in Microsoft Word on a disk. Photos can be e-mailed or delivered to the office too. For more information, contact Geoff Janes at geoff.janes@robins.af.mil or Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Either can be reached by phone at 926-2137.

## >>> Black Knight named AMC Ground Safety NCO of the Year



Sergeant Craven is the ground safety manager for the 19th ARG.

When hard work meets a willing attitude, success is just around the corner.

At least that’s how Tech. Sgt. Bart Craven, ground safety manager for the 19th Air Refueling Group, who was recently named Air Mobility Command’s 2004 Ground Safety noncommissioned officer of the year, sees it.

“It’s good to know your peers think enough of you to select you above all the rest,” he said. “It took a lot of hard work, attention to

detail and dedication to the job to get here.”

Col. Raymond Rottman, commander of the 375th Airlift Wing at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., who previously worked with the technical sergeant as the commander of the 19th Air Refueling Group, said Sergeant Craven has an undying commitment to putting safety first.

“Shortly after meeting Tech. Sgt. Craven, it became immediately obvious he was a standout in the field of safety,” he said. “This pro-

fessional NCO spends every waking moment enhancing safety awareness across the 19th ARG and its programs and initiatives set a standard of excellence. Simply stated - Bart’s awesome and I’m thankful he is receiving this richly deserved recognition.”

The technical sergeant will receive his award at a ceremony at Scott Air Force Base on a date yet to be determined.

– Holly L. Birchfield

## >>> Keep on clapping

Robins Personnel Manager of the Year Award (PMOYA) winners for fiscal 2004:

Senior Personnel Manager of the Year, base level: **James Bowen**, 78th MSS

Junior Personnel Manager of the Year, base level: **2nd Lt. Luke D. Prisk**, 78th MSS

Personnel Superintendent of the Year, base level: **Master Sgt. Gerald G. Bynum** (from time in 78th MSS)

Personnel Technician of the Year, base level: **Staff Sgt. Tomekia D. Daniel**, 78th MSS

Personnel Specialist of the Year, base level: **Senior Airman LaTonya Y. Bronner**, 78th MSS

Junior Personnel Manager of the Year, unit level: **1st Lt. Angela D. Caylor**, 78th MSS

Personnel Superintendent of the Year, unit level: **Master Sgt. John J. Petain** (from time in 653rd CLSS)

Personnel Technician of the Year, unit level: **Tech. Sgt. Michele A. Rathke**, 653rd CLSS

Personnel Specialist of the Year, unit level: **Senior Airman Rachel Abernathy**, 78th CS

Air Force Education and Training Manager (ETM) winners for fiscal 2004:

Category III-A (senior non-commissioned officer): **Master Sgt. Derek Royster**,

78th SFS

Category III-B (junior enlisted): **Staff Sgt. Danna Ward**, 116th MOS

Category IV-A (senior non-commissioned officer): **Master Sgt. Eric DeVoursney**, 19th AMXS

Students from Robins made the President’s List at Macon State College for Fall Semester 2004. Their names are placed on the President's List if they have taken a course load of at least nine semester hours and earned a 3.80-4.00 GPA during the semester. Those recognized include: **Sara Gloria Amig, Sandra M. Barajas, Scott Lee Haslem and Keith S. Ward**

Students from Robins made the Dean’s List at Macon State College for Fall Semester 2004. Their names are placed on the Dean's List if they have taken a course load of at least nine semester hours and earned a 3.50 to 3.79 GPA during the semester. Those recognized include: **Justin Glenn Johansen, Kerby Alan Young and Richard Allen Wojcio**

19th OSS quarterly award winners:

Company grade officer: **Capt. Joey Greene**, 19th OSS/OSK

Senior noncommissioned officer: **Master Sgt. Eric**

**Muhlenbruch**, 19th ARG/CP

Noncommissioned officer: **Staff Sgt. Zenobia Cornelius**, 19th OSS/OSO

Airman: **Senior Airman Chris Clair**, 19th OSS/IN

Civilian: **Liz Minton**, 19th ARG/CP

ISR Management Directorate fourth quarter 2004 award winners:

Company grade officer: **1st Lt. Alfred A. Mulliken III**

Senior noncommissioned officer: **Master Sgt. Eric C. Gunn**

Noncommissioned officer: **Tech. Sgt. Matthew T. Wilmes**

Supervisor: **Christine L. Clark**

GS-11 and above: **Vicki C. Tiraboschi**

GS 7-10: **Michelle Conner**

Contractor: **Jennifer W. Stafford**

ISR Management Directorate annual 2004 award winners:

Company grade officer: **Capt. Benjamin Boehm**

Senior noncommissioned officer: **Master Sgt. Shane T. Korytko**

Noncommissioned officer: **Tech. Sgt. Steven DeVivo**

Supervisor: **Christine Clark**

GS-12 and above: **Donna Maddox**

GS-08-11: **Chris Welchel**

GS-07 and below: **David Vaughn**

19th ARG Quarterly Award winners:

Company grade officer: **1st Lt. Rob Jenkins**, 19th ARG

Senior noncommissioned officer: **Master Sgt. Gregory Porter**, 19th MXS

Noncommissioned officer: **Staff Sgt. Zenobia Comelius**, 19th OSS)

Airman: **Senior Airman Saraha Van Slyke**, 19th AMXS

Civilian: **Liz Minton**, 19th OSS

Air Sustainment Wing fourth quarter 2004 award winners:

Noncommissioned officer: **Tech. Sgt. Matthew Wilmes**, C2ISR Sustainment Group

Senior noncommissioned officer: **Master Sgt. Patti Tyquingco**, Fighter Sustainment Group

Company grade officer: **1st Lt. Alfred Mulliken**, C2ISR Sustainment Group

GS-7-10 (non-supervisory): **Andrea Conner**, C2ISR Sustainment Group

GS-11-13 (non-supervisory): **Vickie C. Tiraboschi**, C2ISR Sustainment Group

First line supervisor: **Christine Clark**, C2ISR Sustainment Group

## >>> AFA recognizes members



Submitted photos

Lynn Morley, Air Force Association Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter president, accepts the **Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Unit of the Year award** at the AFA national convention from then-Chairman of the Board John Politi, left, and then-National President Pat Condon, right, at a convention held in the fall in Washington D.C. The award is the AFA's highest honor and is given to the chapter that distinguishes itself in all fields of the AFA mission.



Ms. Morley presents **Senior Master Sgt. David Patterson** with the Robins Air Force Base AFA Local Quarterly Achievement Award for April-June 2004. He has recently returned to the Robins area. Sergeant Patterson was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the base, his wing and community.



**Beth Burris** was awarded a citation for her presentation during the AFA Southeast Region Workshop in November at Fort Jackson, S.C. Jack Steed, president of the AFA Southeast Region, left, presents Ms. Burris the award at the Carl Vinson Memorial AFA Chapter December luncheon meeting.



**Kathy Copija**, left, receives a 'peach' from Ms. Morley for her hard work supporting the Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter of the AFA. Ms. Copija has led the chapter's golf tournament and Vet Day Run for several years and has assisted the chapter in raising more than \$15,000.



Ms. Morley, left, presents **Master Sgt. John Manna**, a longtime, active member of the AFA, an autographed copy of 'God is My Co-Pilot' by Robert Scott. Sergeant Manna is leaving the Warner Robins area for an assignment to Turkey.



## ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

*To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at [angelatronzo@robins.af.mil](mailto:angelatronzo@robins.af.mil) by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.*

### Cheerleading tryouts

Competition cheerleading team tryouts for boys and girls will be Saturday and Sunday from 1-3 p.m. at Robins Gymnastics, 106 Napier Ave., Warner Robins. For more information, call Judith Coleman at 956-6959 or 320-6447.

### Single parent group

The Lunchtime Single Parent Group program will begin meeting Feb. 1 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Smith Community Center and will continue to meet the first Tuesday of each month. The chapel will provide lunch and serve in other key areas of the program, such as providing resources, counseling and enrichment activities. The program is open to all who have access to Robins. Those planning to attend should contact Veronica Griffin at 327-8427 by Monday.

### Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

Col. Greg F. Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony Monday, 3:30 p.m., at the Base Theater. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective First Sergeants. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come and join us in congratulating our new promotees. For more information, please contact Master Sgt. Sharon Ward at 926-0792.

### Valentines for Families

Valentines for Families will be held 6-8:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at Robins Elementary School. There will be a play based on "The Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman, followed by two sessions. One session will be on self-esteem led by Chaplain (Capt.) Erik Tisher, who will speak about how to promote a healthy sense of self in children. The second session, called "Issues when Hearts are Apart", will be led by Dr. Jim Franz and will guide military families through the changes that occur when the active duty parent is called away on a remote assignment. Parents who wish to attend the program may call Jane Hamilton at 926-5003. Registration forms are also available at the school. Child care will be provided for children from birth

to age 12.

### Tuskegee Airmen Inc. chapter scholarships

The Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. at Robins is accepting applications for the Pratt & Whitney Golden Eagle Award scholarship. Financially disadvantaged, deserving young men and women who demonstrate a sincere pursuit of education leading to aviation, aerospace, engineering or technology careers will receive a \$20,000 scholarship. Forty-one Tuskegee Airmen scholarships of \$1,500 will also be awarded. Applicants must be students of accredited high schools who have graduated or will graduate in 2005. Application forms and instructions may be obtained from high school guidance counselors, [www.tuskegeearmen.org](http://www.tuskegeearmen.org) or from the Robins chapter. Application deadline is Feb. 12.

### Firing range reminder

The 78th Security Forces Squadron conducts live fire training at the base firing range, located on the northeast side of the base, adjacent to the horse stables. The firing ranges are off-limits to all persons, unless scheduled for training or official business. Nearby housing residents should warn children of the hazards of playing near the area. The ranges are clearly marked with signs and red flags during weapons firing. Also, night firing is conducted throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, call the 78th SFS Combat Arms section at 926-5031.

### OSC Scholastic Achievement Awards

Robins' Officers' Spouses Club announces its annual Scholastic Achievement Awards 2004-2005. The club is offering a scholarship for graduating seniors and for continuing education students. Graduating high school seniors who are enrolled in public or private schools or who are home schooled and meet eligibility criteria are encouraged to apply. Continuing education students (dependents) must be beyond the freshman year. All applicants must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning. Eligibility criteria and application packets are available at the Robins Thrift Shop, Family Support Center, Robins Education Center, and at counselors' offices of local area high schools. For more information, contact Kitty Addington, scholarship chairperson, at 923-9532 or dale

andkitty@hotmail.com. All applications must be postmarked no later than March 15.

### Reserve Palace Chase/ Palace Front Briefing

The Palace Chase/ Palace Front Briefing is held the third Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in Building 905 (MPF Building) in room 240. The Palace Chase program is an early release program which allows active duty Air Force officers and enlisted to request to transfer from active military service to an Air Reserve Component. The program allows you to transfer to the Air Force Reserve the day after separating from the active duty Air Force. There are many opportunities in the

AF Reserve for you to continue your education, cross train and serve near your home. For more information, call Master Sgt. Danny Varga at 327-7367.

### Zero Overpricing Program

The purpose of the Zero Overpricing Program is to reduce overpricing in Air Force acquisitions. It serves as the vehicle for all Air Force material users to participate in the efficient use of funds. If you know the current catalog price for an item is incorrect and may reflect an overprice to the government, submit an AF Form 1046 to WR-ALC/PKPB, Attn: ZOP Monitor - Cassandra Tharpe, 235 Byron St., Robins AFB, GA 31098.





U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp  
From left, Sherry Abbott, shop manager, and Allan Carey discuss a screenprinting job.

## Shirt Shop

**Building 984 on 10th Street**  
**Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**



Logos can be printed on your choice of hats.

The Skills Development Center Shirt Shop is a full service shirt printing shop and much, much more. “We can put designs or printing on anything the customer wants,” said Sherry Abbott, manager of the shop. “We can take your idea, custom design, logo, squadron patch, emblem, or just about any artwork and print it on items including tees, golf shirts, tanks, sweats, aprons, tote bags, and a variety of other gift items. We can also do embroidery, make banners, magnetic signs and license plates.”

Allan Carey, part-



time employee at the shop, said before Christmas they had quite a few orders for photos to be put on pillowcases to be sent to deployed family members.

The Shirt Shop is located in the Skills Development Center, Building 984 on Tenth Street, and is open Monday through Friday, 9a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact the shop at 926-5282.

– Sue Sapp